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Re: Application: 10/758,613
Filed: January 15, 2004
Applicants: Omar, Ruupak Nanyamka
For: Novelty Articles for Famous Persons and Method for Making Same
Atty Ref.: 0103281 - 0515640

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following papers for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Response to Restriction Requirement;
3. Self-addressed, prepaid return postcard.

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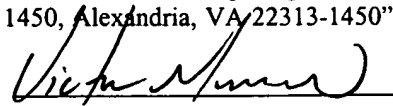
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 8, 2004.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because the claims are not independent or distinct. The statutory basis for a restriction requirement reads as follows:

If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application, the Director may require the application to be restricted to one of the inventions.

35 U.S.C. § 121 (emphasis added). Thus, the PTO may restrict an application only if the claimed invention satisfies both requirements (i.e., both independent and distinct). The Office Action only states that the claimed invention is distinct, but does not address the other requirement that the claims be independent. In the present case, Applicant submits that neither requirement is met.

The claims are not "independent" (i.e., not dependent) under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Namely, the claims disclose a relationship between the two or more subjects disclosed, that is, they are connected in design, operation, and effect. MPEP 802.01 give two examples of how claims can be "independent"; namely, (1) species under a genus which species are not usable together as disclosed; or (2) process and apparatus incapable of being used in practicing the process. Neither case exists here.

The claims also are not "distinct" under 35 U.S.C. § 121. MPEP 802.01 defines "distinct" as meaning that two or more subjects as disclosed are related, for example, as combination and part (subcombination) thereof, process and apparatus for its practice, process and product made, etc., but are capable of separate manufacture, use, or sale as claimed, and are patentable (novel and unobvious) over each other (though they may each be unpatentable because of the prior art). The present claims do not disclose

two or more subjects, but rather disclose a single subject. Thus, the claims are not distinct.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant's request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

The Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II (claims 9 - 22).

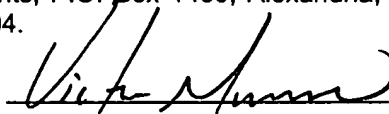
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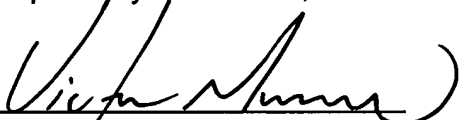
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 Applicant herewith submits certain information that the Patent & Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above-identified application. The information is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Copies of the information are also provided. Please treat all information as prior art until it is proved otherwise. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search has been made, that better information is available, or that the information qualifies as prior art or is material to patentability.

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